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REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance and comment for the record as follows.

On page 2 of the notice of allowability, it is stated regarding claim 1 that the invention comprises "control means for identifying a position of the specific macromolecule crystal on the basis of an x-ray diffraction measurement." Applicants wish to clarify that the control means are involved in the identification of a position of the specific macromolecule crystal. This information is utilized to position the crystal in a position to undergo x-ray diffraction measurement. The x-ray diffraction measurement is not necessarily utilized to identify the position of the specific macromolecule crystal.

On pages 2-3 of the notice of allowability, it is stated regarding claim 5 that the invention comprises "control means for identifying a position of the specific macromolecule crystal on the basis of an x-ray diffraction measurement." Applicants wish to clarify that the control means are involved in the identification of a position of the specific macromolecule crystal. This information is utilized to

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